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SUBJ: DUAL-PURPOSE PLANNING

REF: A. USNATO 4344

B. DOCUMENT ASG.SEA(73)264, DATED OCTOBER 29, 1973

1. ASYG OZDAS HAS CIRCULATED REPORT OF DUAL-PURPOSE PLANNING MEETING AT NATO, 11 SEPTEMBER 1973 (REFTEL), PREPARED BY MR. KLIPPENBERG OF NORWAY, AND HAS REQUESTED VIEWS AND COMMENTS OF MEETING ATTENDEES ON REPORT AT EARLY DATE. MISSION HAS POUCHED COPIES OF KLIPPENBERG REPORT (REF B) TO DEPARTMENT (RPM/SCHOLLAERT AND SCI/SA-BIRCH) FOR ACTION AS APPROPRIATE. REQUEST MISSION BE PROVIDED WITH US. INPUT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO OZDAS.

2. FYI - RESPONSIBILITY FOR DUAL-PURPOSE PLANNING CONCEPT AT NATO NOW PASSED TO NEW ASYG OZDAS. HE IS PREPARED TO FULFILL FORMER ASYG RANDERS' COMMITMENT TO REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL, BASED ON KLIPPENBERG REPORT OF 11 SEPTEMBER 1973 MEETING AS AMPLIFIED BY SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS OF MEETING ATTENDEES. IF THESE COMMENTS INDICATE STRONG ALLIED CONSENSUS FOR CARRYING FORWARD DUAL-PURPOSE PLANNING WORK AT NATO, E.G., BY CONVENING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS FIRST STEP THE 3-5 DAY WORKSHOP ORIGINALLY ADVOCATED BY RANDERS AND PROPOSED AGAIN IN KLIPPENBERG REPORT, WE UNDERSTAND FROM SECRETARIAT PRIVATELY THAT OZDAS WOULD BE WILLING TO PURSUE MATTER; IF ON OTHER

HAD ALLIED REACTION AT THIS TIME MIXED, LUKEWARM, OR NEGATIVE, OZDAS, WHO DOES NOT HAVE RANDERS' PERSONAL STAKE IN SUBJECT, WOULD PROBABLY CONCLUDE IN HIS REPORT TO COUNCIL THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF DUAL-PUPOSE PLANNING CONCEPT AT NATO WOULD NOT APPEAR FRUITFUL AT THIS TIME.

MISSION COMMENT: IN MISSION OPINION, TIME HAS COME FOR ALLIED DELEGATIONS TO TAKE INSTRUCTED POSITIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WISH TO PURSUE DUAL-PUPOSE PLANNING DISCUSSIONS AT NATO, ALONG LINES PROPOSED IN KLIPPENBERG REPORT OR OTHERWISE AS THEY SEE FIT, RATHER THAN CONTINUE TO LEAVE IT ESSENTIALLY TO NATIONAL EXPERTS TO KEEP TOPIC GOING ON THIER OWN AS HERETOFORE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THIS END COMMENT. END FYI.

3. IN MISSION VIEW THIRD SUB-TOPIC UNDER PARA 3 PAGE 4 ANNEX TO REF DOCUMENT, IS OBSCURELY DRAFTED; FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION WE HAVE RECONSTRUCTED THIS ITEM FROM NOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS: "AS A MEASURE TO CREATE NEW AND ATTRACTIVE INDUSTRY IN SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS ONE NATION IS BOUT TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE USE OF CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS FOR MAINTAINING MILIARY FACILITIES IN SUCH REGIONS. IF SUCCESSFUL, THIS WOULD IMPROVE THE CONTINUITY OF PERSONNEL HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN MILITARY MAINTENANCE, AND COULD ALSO LEAD TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CIVILIAN INDUSTRY OF COMPARABLE SOPHISTICATION." MCAULIFFE

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